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extremely pure and can be provided in non-limiting high yields suitable for diagnostic and high-throughput screening assays. --

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 28 as follows:

[Amended] A method of producing a cross-over protein that contains at least one peptide segment whose sequence is derived from one parent protein and parent protein said method comprising:

ligating under chemoselective chemical ligation conditions (i) at least one N-terminal peptide segment comprising a functional protein module derived from [a] said first parent protein, and (ii) at least one C-terminal peptide segment comprising a functional protein module derived from [a] said second parent protein having an amino acid sequence that is different from said first parent protein, wherein said N-terminal peptide segment and said C-terminal peptide segment comprise compatible reactive groups capable of chemoselective chemical ligation to one another, whereby a covalent bond is formed between said compatible reactive groups of said N-terminal peptide segment and said C-terminal peptide segment so as to produce a chemical ligation product comprising a cross-over protein having a C-terminus and an N-terminus. --

Please amend Claim 30 as follows:

The method of claim 28, wherein [said] the first and second parent protein molecules from whose sequences said N-terminal peptide(s) and said C-terminal peptide(s) are derived belong to [are of] the same family of protein molecules. --

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Please amend Claim 32 as follows:

32. A method of producing a cross-over protein library whose members contain at least one peptide segment whose sequence is derived from one parent protein and at least one peptide segment whose sequence is derived from a second parent protein, said method comprising:

ligating under chemoselective reaction conditions a plurality of unique N-terminal peptide segments <u>each</u> comprising one or more functional protein modules derived from <u>said</u> first parent protein and a plurality of unique C-terminal peptide segments <u>each</u> comprising one or more functional protein modules derived from a second parent protein having an amino acid sequence that is different from said first parent protein, wherein said N-terminal peptide segments and said C-terminal peptide segments comprise compatible reactive groups capable of chemoselective chemical ligation <u>to one another</u>, whereby a covalent bond is formed between said <u>compatible reactive groups of said</u> N-terminal peptide segments and said C-terminal peptide segments so as to produce a plurality of chemical ligation products comprising a plurality of unique cross-over proteins <u>each having a C-terminus and an N-terminus</u>.—

Please amend Claim 35 as follows:

The method of claim 32, wherein [said] the first and second parent protein molecules from whose sequences said N-terminal peptide(s) and said C-terminal peptide(s) are derived belong to [are of] the same family of protein

molecules. --

In claim 36, line 4, please replace the word "thaizolidine" with the word -- thiazolidine --.